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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-02262, et al.]

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated Headquartered in Midland, Texas, et al.; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(A), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II. of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on June 10, 1998, applicable to all workers of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated, Headquartered in Midland, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 1998 (63 FR 37591).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations have occurred at Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated operating at various locations in New Mexico, Kansas and Louisiana. The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of crude oil.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated adversely affect by increased imports from Canada. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated operating at various locations in New Mexico, Kansas and Louisiana.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-02262 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Incorporated, headquartered in Midland, Texas (NAFTA-02262), operating at various locations in New Mexico (NAFTA-02262C), Kansas (NAFTA-02262D) and Louisiana (NAFTA-02262E) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 10, 1997 through June 10, 2000 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 3rd day of December, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance of NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of December, 1998.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of edibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or practically separated,

(2) that sales or production, or both, of the firm or sub-division have decreased absolutely, and

(3) that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-35,128; *Sonju's Auto Body Coatings & Refinishing Co., Inc., Kalispell, MT.*

TA-W-35,078; *BWD Automotive of Alabama, Selma, AL.*

TA-W-35,066; *Funtime Sportswear Inc. Moscow, PA.*

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

TA-W-35,227; *Malone Manufacturing, Inc., Champlain Distribution Center, Champlain, NY.*

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA-W-34,885; *Modern Industrial Plastics, Brookville, OH.*

TA-W-34,995; *EMC Technology LLC, Cherry Hill, NJ.*

TA-W-35,100; *AET, Covington, VA.*

TA-W-35,054; *Bridgton Knitting Mills, Bridgton, ME.*

TA-W-35,088; *Horace Small Apparel Co., Brownsville, TX.*

TA-W-34,792; *Brockway Standard (New Jersey), Inc., Elizabeth, NJ.*

TA-W-35,131; *Matsushita Semiconductor Corp of America (MASCA), Puyallup, WA.*

TA-W-35,074; *Woodwork Corp. of America. A Subsidiary of DBA Products Co., Merrill, WI.*

TA-W-35,113; *Thorn Apple Valley, Forrest City, AR.*

TA-W-35,004; *Harris Semiconductor Corp., Findlay, OH.*

TA-W-35,061; *Photran Corp. Lakeville, MN.*

TA-W-35,009; *Spalding Sports Worldwide, Chicopee, MA.*

TA-W-35,053; *Spartan Mills, Startex Mill, Startex, SC.*

TA-W-35,021; *Vastar Resources, Woodward, OK and Laverne, OK.*

TA-W-35,169; *Jayo Sportswear, Inc., Bethlehem, PA.*

TA-W-34,973; *GEM State Lumber Co., Juliaetta, ID.*

TA-W-34,887; *Malden Mills Industries, Inc., Lawrence, MA.*

TA-W-34,811; *GE Lighting, Providence Base Plant, Providence, RI.*

TA-W-34,808; *Koehler Manufacturing Co., Marlboro, MA.*

TA-W-35,080; *International Assembly Specialists, Tucson, AZ.*

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact date for all workers of such determination.

TA-W-35,055; *Courtland Manufacturing Co., Inc., Appomattox, VA; A; Lynn Manufacturing, Lynchburg, VA, B; Sangil Manufacturing, Appomattox, VA, C; Dutti Duds, Lynchburg, VA, D; Lake Apparel, Boydton, VA, E; Courtland Distributions, Appomattox, VA; September 22, 1997.*